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# BEFORE THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 16-2000-113334			
ROBERT DANIEL SCHULTE, M.D. 16242 N. 110 <sup>th</sup> Street Scottsdale, AZ 85259				
Physician and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 68403				
Respondent.				
<u>DECISION AND ORDER</u>				
The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by				
the Division of Medical Quality, Medical Board of California of the Department of Consumer				
Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.				

This Decision shall become effective on June 5, 2003

It is so ORDERED May 6, 2003

FOR THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS Ronald H. Wender, M.D. Chair, Panel B

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16	Respondent.					
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18	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND	AGREED by and between the parties to the				
19	above-entitled proceedings that the following matters					
20	PARTIES					
21	1. Ron Joseph (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board					
22	of California. He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this					
23	matter by Bill Lockyer, Attorney General of the State					
24	Supervising Deputy Attorney General.	11				
25	2. Respondent Robert Daniel Sch	ulte, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in				
26	this proceeding by attorney Joel Bruce Douglas, Esq., Bonne, Bridges, Mueller, O'Keefe &					
27	Nichols, whose address is 3699 Wilshire Blvd, 10th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90010.					
28		Medical Board of California issued				

Physician and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 68403 to Robert Schulte, M.D. (Respondent). The Certificate is current and will expire on June 30, 2004 unless renewed.

#### <u>JURISDICTION</u>

4. Accusation No. 16-2000-113334 was filed before the Division of Medical Quality, Medical Board of California of the Department of Consumer Affairs, (Division), and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation, together with all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on May 15, 2001, and Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 16-2000-113334 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

## ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 16-2000-113334. Respondent has also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

### **CULPABILITY**

8. Respondent admits that he entered into a consent degree with the Arizona Board of Medical Examiners on 7/27/00, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A to Exhibit A, and that as a result of such consent degree the Arizona Board placed respondent's license on five years probation and issued a reprimand to respondent, and that

respondent's license is therefore subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 2305 and 141.

9. Respondent agrees that his Physician and Surgeon's Certificate is subject to discipline and he agrees to be bound by the Division's imposition of discipline as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

#### **RESERVATION**

10. The admissions made by Respondent herein are only for the purposes of this proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Division of Medical Quality, Medical Board of California or other professional licensing agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.

#### **CONTINGENCY**

- understands and agrees that the Medical Board of California's staff and counsel for Complainant may communicate directly with the Division regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or his counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Division considers and acts upon it. If the Division fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Division shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 12. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Division may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

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## **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 68403 issued to Respondent Robert Daniel Schulte, M.D. is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for five (5) years on the following terms and conditions.

Within 15 days after the effective date of this decision the respondent shall provide the Division, or its designee, proof of service that respondent has served a true copy of this decision on the Chief of Staff or the Chief Executive Officer at every hospital where privileges or membership are extended to respondent in California or at any other facility where respondent engages in the practice of medicine in California and on the Chief Executive Officer at every insurance carrier where malpractice insurance coverage is extended to respondent in California.

1. <u>DIVERSION PROGRAM</u> Within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this decision, respondent shall enroll and participate in the Division's Diversion Program until the Division determines that further treatment and rehabilitation is no longer necessary. Quitting the program without permission, being expelled for cause, or failing to provide biological fluid testing shall constitute a violation of probation by respondent.

Respondent is currently enrolled in and participating in the Arizona Medical Board's Monitored Aftercare Program. Respondent's continued and successful completion of this program will be deemed to satisfy this condition of probation. It is the responsibility of the respondent to provide the Division or its designee with written reports from the Arizona Monitored Aftercare Program attesting to his continued participation and successful completion of the program. Should respondent fail to successfully complete this program and/or fail to provide the Division or its designee with the required verification respondent shall be required to enroll and participate in the Board's Diversion Program.

2. <u>DRUGS & ABSTAIN FROM USE</u> Respondent shall abstain completely from the personal use or possession of controlled substances as defined in the California Uniform Controlled Substances Act, and dangerous drugs as defined by Section 4022 of the Business and

Professions Code, or any drugs requiring a prescription. This prohibition does not apply to medications lawfully prescribed to respondent for a *bona fide* illness or condition by another practitioner.

- 3. <u>ALCOHOL ABSTAIN FROM USE</u> Respondent shall abstain completely from the use of alcoholic beverages.
- 4. <u>BIOLOGICAL FLUID TESTING</u> Respondent shall immediately submit to biological fluid testing, at respondent's cost, upon the request of the Division or its designee. Failure to comply with a request for testing is a violation of probation.
- 5. <u>CONTROLLED DRUGS-MAINTAIN RECORD</u> Respondent shall maintain a record of all controlled substances prescribed, dispensed or administered by respondent during probation, showing all of the following: 1) the name and address of patient, 2) the date, 3) the character and quantity of controlled substances involved, and 4) the indications and diagnosis for which the controlled substances were furnished.

Respondent shall keep those records in a separate file or ledger, in chronological order, and shall make them available for inspection and copying by the Division or its designee, upon request.

- 6. <u>OBEY ALL LAWS</u> Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, all rules governing the practice of medicine in California, and remain in full compliance with any court ordered criminal probation, payments and other orders.
- 7. <u>QUARTERLY REPORTS</u> Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Division, stating whether there has been compliance with all the conditions of probation.
- 8. PROBATION SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM COMPLIANCE
  Respondent shall comply with the Division's probation surveillance program. Respondent shall, at all times, keep the Division informed of his business and residence addresses which shall both serve as addresses of record. Changes of such addresses shall be immediately communicated in writing to the Division. Under no circumstances shall a post office box serve as an address of record, except as allowed by Business and Professions Code section 2021(b).

Respondent shall, at all times, maintain a current and renewed physician's and surgeon's license.

Respondent shall also immediately inform the Division, in writing, of any travel to any areas outside the jurisdiction of California which lasts, or is contemplated to last, more than thirty (30) days.

- 9. <u>INTERVIEW WITH THE DIVISION, ITS DESIGNEE OR ITS</u>

  <u>DESIGNATED PHYSICIAN(S)</u> Respondent shall appear in person for interviews with the Division, its designee or its designated physician(s) upon request at various intervals and with reasonable notice.
- STATE NON-PRACTICE In the event respondent should leave California to reside or to practice outside the State or for any reason should respondent stop practicing medicine in California, respondent shall notify the Division or its designee in writing within ten (10) days of the dates of departure and return or the dates of non-practice within California. Non-practice is defined as any period of time exceeding thirty (30) days in which respondent is not engaging in any activities defined in Sections 2051 and 2052 of the Business and Professions Code. All time spent in an intensive training program approved by the Division or its designee shall be considered as time spent in the practice of medicine. A Board-ordered suspension of practice shall not be considered as a period of non-practice. Periods of temporary or permanent residence or practice outside California or of non-practice within California, as defined in this condition, will not apply to the reduction of the probationary order.

Any respondent disciplined under Business and Professions Code sections 141(a) or 2305 (sister-state discipline) may petition for modification or termination of penalty 1) if the other state's discipline terms are modified, terminated or reduced; and 2) if at least one year has elapsed from the effective date of the California discipline.

- 11. <u>COMPLETION OF PROBATION</u> Upon successful completion of probation, respondent's certificate shall be fully restored.
  - 12. <u>VIOLATION OF PROBATION</u> If respondent violates probation in any

- Division the amount of \$500 within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this decision for its investigative and prosecution costs. Failure to reimburse the Division's cost of investigation and prosecution shall constitute a violation of the probation order, unless the Division agrees in writing to payment by an installment plan because of financial hardship. The filing of bankruptcy by the respondent shall not relieve the respondent of his responsibility to reimburse the Division for its investigative and prosecution costs.
- 14. PROBATION COSTS Respondent shall pay the costs associated with probation monitoring each and every year of probation, as designated by the Division, which are currently set at \$2,488 but may be adjusted on an annual basis. Such costs shall be payable to the Division of Medical Quality and delivered to the designated probation surveillance monitor no later than January 31 of each calendar year. Failure to pay costs within 30 days of the due date shall constitute a violation of probation.
- 15. <u>LICENSE SURRENDER</u> Following the effective date of this decision, if respondent ceases practicing due to retirement, health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, respondent may voluntarily tender his certificate to the Board. The Division reserves the right to evaluate the respondent's request and to exercise its discretion whether to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate and reasonable under the circumstances. Upon formal acceptance of the tendered license, respondent will not longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation.

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## <u>ACCEPTANCE</u>

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11	ROBERT DANIEL SCHULTZ M.D. Respondent
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13	I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Robert Daniel Schult M.D. the
14	terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and
15	Disciplinary Order. I approve its form.
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19	Attorney for Respondent
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### **ENDORSEMENT**

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Division of Medical Quality, Medical Board of California of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

dated:  $\frac{4/8/03}{}$ 

BILL LOCKER, Attorney General of the State of California

GAIL M. HEPPELL

Supervising Deputy Attorney General

Attorneys for Complainant

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19	The Complainant alleges:
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21	1. Complainant, Ronald Joseph, is the Executive Director of the Medical
22	Board of California (hereinafter the "Board") and brings this accusation solely in his official
23	capacity.
24	2. On or about April 16, 1990, Physician and Surgeon's Certificate No.
25	G 68403 was issued by the Board to Robert Daniel Schulte, M.D. (hereinafter "respondent").
26	Said certificate is renewed and current with an expiration date of June 30, 2001.
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## **JURISDICTION**

- 3. This accusation is brought before the Division of Medical Quality of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs (hereinafter the "Division"), under the authority of the following sections of the California Business and Professions Code (hereinafter "Code") and/or other relevant statutory enactment:
  - A. Section 2227 of the Code provides in part that the Board may revoke, suspend for a period of not to exceed one year, or place on probation, the license of any licensee who has been found guilty under the Medical Practice Act, and may recover the costs of probation monitoring if probation is imposed.
  - B. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct any licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act, to pay the Board a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.
  - C. Section 2305 of the Code provides in part the revocation, suspension, or other discipline, restriction, or limitation imposed by another state upon a license or certificate to practice medicine issued by that state that would have been grounds for discipline in California shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct against the licensee in this state.
  - D. Section 2234(e)provides in part that the commission of any act of dishonesty or corruption substantially related to the functions and duties of a physician constitutes unprofessional conduct.
    - E. Section 141 of the Code provides:
  - "(a) For any licensee holding a license issued by a board under the jurisdiction of the department, a disciplinary action taken by another state, by any agency of the federal government, or by another country for any act substantially related to the practice regulated by the California license, may be a ground for disciplinary action by the respective state licensing board. A certified copy of the record of the disciplinary action

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 taken against the licensee by another state, an agency of the federal government, or another country shall be conclusive evidence of the events related therein.

- F. Section 14124.12(a) of the Welfare & Institutions Code provides in pertinent part that upon written notice of the Medical Board of California a physician and surgeon's medical license has been placed on probation as a result of a disciplinary action, no Medi-Cal claim for the type of surgical service or invasive procedure giving rise to the probationary order and performed on or after the effective date of said probationary order or during the period of probation shall be reimbursed, except upon a prior determination that compelling circumstances warrant the continuance of reimbursement during the probationary period for procedures other than those giving rise to the probationary order.
- 4. Respondent is subject to discipline within the meaning of section 141 and unprofessional conduct within the meaning of codes sections 2305 and 2234(e)as more particularly set forth hereinbelow.

## FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Discipline, Restriction, or Limitation Imposed By Another State)

5. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 141 and under Code sections 2305 in conjunction with 2234(e) in that on or about September 1, 2000, the Arizona State Board of Medical Examiners issued a Consent Agreement for Letter of Reprimand and Probation. The Arizona Board found that during an interview with Board staff, respondent admitted to the use of Marijuana in Massachusetts in or about 1990; that the Massachusetts Board required respondent to undergo substance abuse treatment; and that respondent answered "no" to questions on his application for licensure in Arizona relating to arrest, discipline and substance abuse treatment; and that in December, 1999, the Board received information that respondent was receiving large amounts of controlled substance medications (Ativan and Dexedrine) by prescription. Under the terms of probation, respondent was to participate in a monitored aftercare program, which included random fluid testing, no controlled substances or prescription drugs unless authorized by respondent's approved treating physician, attendance at weekly group

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1	therapy session, and submission to mental, physical, and medical competency examinations as
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3	Attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference is a true and correct copy of
4	the Consent Agreement for Letter of Reprimand and Probations, Investigation No. MD-00-0096.
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. 6	PRAYER
7	WHEREFORE, the complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters
8	herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Division issue a decision:
9	Revoking or suspending Physician and Surgeon's Certificate Number G
10	68403, heretofore issued to respondent Robert Daniel Schulte, M.D.;
11	2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of the respondent's authority to
12	supervise physician assistants, pursuant to Code section 3527;
13	3. Ordering respondent to pay the Division the actual and reasonable costs of
14	the investigation and enforcement of this case and to pay the costs of probation monitoring upon
.15	order of the Division; and
16	4. Taking such other and further action as the Division deems necessary and
17	proper.
18	DATED: May 10, 2001
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21	RONALD JOSEPH
22	Executive Director Medical Board of California
23	Department of Consumer Affairs State of California
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September 25, 2000

Medical Board of California Arlene Krysinski 1426 Howe Avenue, Suite 54 Sacramento, CA 95825-3236

Re: **Robert Daniel Schulte** 

Dear Ms. Krysinski:

I, Rebecca J. Aye, Public Information Coordinator of the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of Arizona, hereby certify that the annexed documents to wit:

# Consent Agreement, Investigation No. MD-00-0096

are true copies of the original document as they appear on the records and in the files of this Board in the Matter of Robert D. Schulte, License No. 23206.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the seal of the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of Arizona to be affixed, the

Rebecca J. Aye

**Public Information Coordinator** 

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## BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of

ROBERT SCHULTE, M.D.

Holder of License No. 23206 For the Practice of Medicine In the State of Arizona.

Investigation No. MD-00-0096

CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR LETTER OF REPRIMAND AND PROBATION

IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and between Robert Schulte, M.D., holder of License No. 23206, and the Arizona Board of Medical Examiners (Board), that the accompanying Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order be entered in the above-entitled matter and be effective as of the date issued.

Dr. Schulte acknowledges that any violation of this Consent Agreement constitutes unprofessional conduct within A.R.S. § 32-1401(25)(r), and will result in her license being automatically summarily suspended pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1451(D). Alternatively, Dr. Schulte may request cancellation of her Board license if he admits to misconduct and so stipulates, pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1433; however, the Board reserves the authority to take disciplinary action and therefore not grant a requested cancellation of license.

In the event of Dr. Schulte's Board license being revoked or cancelled he agrees that he will not reapply for a license for five (5) years from the date of cancellation. Furthermore, by signing this Consent Agreement, Dr. Schulte waives and relinquishes any right to appeal from or challenge this Order by initiating any type of administrative or judicial review of this Order.

Dated: 7/27/00

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of allopathic medicine in the state of Arizona.
- 2. Robert Schulte, M.D. is the holder of License No. 23206 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the state of Arizona.
- 3. During an interview with Board staff, Dr. Schulte admitted to the use of Marijuana in Massachusetts in or about 1990 with a subsequent arrest by law enforcement authorities.
- 4. As a result of this arrest, the Massachusetts Medical Board required Dr. Schulte to undergo substance abuse treatment and monitoring by the Board.
- 5. Dr. Schulte answered "no" to the following questions on his application for licensure in Arizona: "Have you ever been charged with a violation of any statute, rule or regulation of any domestic or foreign governmental agency? Has there been any action initiated against you by or through any medical board or association? Have you ever been treated for the use of or misuse of any chemical substance or substances?"
- 6. In December, 1999, the Arizona Board of Medical Examiners received information that Dr. Schulte was receiving large amounts of controlled substance medications (Ativan and Dexedrine) by prescription. There was also indication of possible alcohol abuse.
- 7. Dr. Schulte was evaluated at Talbot and Sierra Tucson, where it was recommended that he continue in a substance abuse rehabilitation program.
- 8. This matter was presented to the Board for is final review and approved as part of its public meeting agenda on August 23-25, 2000.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over Robert Schulte, M.D.

- 2. The facts identified in paragraphs 3 through 7 above constitute unprofessional conduct as identified in A.R.S. § 32-1401(25)(ii) "Knowingly making a false or misleading statement to the Board or on a form required by the Board," and A.R.S. § 32-1402(25)(q) "Any conduct or practice which is or might be harmful or dangerous to the health of the patient or the public."
- 3. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1403(A)(5), and § 32-1451(F), the Board may enter the following order.

## **ORDER**

## IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT

- Robert Schulte, M.D. be issued a letter of reprimand for the unprofessional conduct outlined above.
- 2. The medical license held by Robert Schulte, M.D., shall be placed on probation for five (5) years subject to the following terms:
- A. In the event that Robert Schulte, M.D., violates any term of his probation, his license will automatically be summarily suspended. Alternatively, Dr. Schulte may request Cancellation of his Board license if he admits to misconduct and so stipulates pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1433. If his Board license is revoked he shall be prohibited from reapplying for a license for five (5) years.
- B. Robert Schulte, M.D. shall submit quarterly declarations under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Board, stating whether there has been compliance with all the conditions of probation. The declarations shall be submitted on or before the 15th of March, June, September and December of each year.
- C. Robert Schulte, M.D. shall promptly participate in the Monitored Aftercare Program ("MAP") for the treatment and rehabilitation of physicians who are impaired by alcohol or drug abuse. The terms and conditions of MAP are as follows:

## I. DEFINITIONS

"Medication" means "prescription-only drug, controlled substance, and over-the counter preparation, other than plain aspirin and plain acetaminophen."

"Emergency" means "a serious accident or sudden illness that, if not treated immediately, may result in a long-term medical problem or loss of life."

#### II. TERMS

- 1. Participation. Dr. Schulte shall promptly enroll in and participate in the Board's confidential substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation program (the "program") in accordance with this Consent Agreement. Dr. Schulte shall remain in the program for a period of five years from the Consent Agreement's effective date.
- 2. Group Therapy. Dr. Schulte shall attend the program's group therapy sessions one time per week for the duration of this Consent Agreement, unless excused by the group therapist for good cause such as illness or vacation. Dr. Schulte shall instruct the program group therapist to release to the Board, upon its request, all records relating to his treatment, and to submit monthly reports to the Board regarding attendance and progress. The reports shall be submitted on or before the 10th day of each month.
- 3. 12 Step or Self-Help Group Meetings. Dr. Schulte shall attend ninety (90) 12-step meetings or other self-help group meetings appropriate for substance abuse and approved by the Board, for a period of ninety (90) days beginning not later than either (a) the first day following his discharge from chemical dependency treatment or (b) the date of this Consent Agreement.
- 4. Following completion of the ninety (90) meetings in ninety (90) days, Dr. Schulte shall participate in a 12-step recovery program or other self-help program appropriate for substance abuse as recommended by the group therapist and approved by

the Board. Dr. Schulte shall attend a minimum of three (3) 12-step or other self-help program meetings per week.

- 5. <u>Board-Approved Primary Care Physician</u>. Dr. Schulte shall promptly obtain a primary care physician and shall submit the name of the physician to Board staff in writing for approval.
- 6. The Board-approved primary care physician shall be in charge of providing and coordinating Dr. Schulte's medical care and treatment. Except in an *Emergency*, Dr. Schulte shall obtain her medical care and treatment only from the Board-approved primary care physician and from health care providers to whom the Board-approved primary care physician refers Dr. Schulte from time to time. Dr. Schulte shall request that the Board-approved primary care physician document all referrals in the medical record.
- 7. Dr. Schulte shall promptly inform the Board-approved primary care physician of her rehabilitation efforts and provide a copy of this Consent Agreement to that physician. Dr. Schulte shall also inform all other health care providers who provide medical care or treatment that he is participating in the Board's rehabilitation program.
- 8. <u>Medication</u>. Except in an *Emergency*, Dr. Schulte shall take no *Medication* unless the *Medication* is prescribed by his Board-approved primary care physician or other health care provider to whom the Board-approved primary care physician makes referral. Dr. Schulte shall not self-prescribe any *Medication*.
- 9. If a controlled substance is prescribed, dispensed, or is administered to Dr. Schulte by any person other than the Board-approved primary care physician, he shall notify the Board-approved primary care physician in writing within 48 hours. The notification shall contain all information required for the medication log entry specified in paragraph 10. Dr. Schulte shall request that the notification be made a part of the medical

record. This paragraph does not authorize Dr. Schulte to take any *Medication* other than in accordance with paragraph 8.

- 10. Medication Log. Dr. Schulte shall maintain a current legible log of all Medication taken by or administered to her, and shall make the log available to the Board and its staff upon request. For Medication (other than controlled substances) taken on an on-going basis, Dr. Schulte may comply with this paragraph by logging the first and last administration of the Medication and all changes in dosage or frequency. The log, at a minimum, shall include the following:
  - Name and dosage of Medication taken or administered;
  - b. Date taken or administered;
  - c. Name of prescribing or administering physician;
  - d. Reason *Medication* was prescribed or administered.

This paragraph does not authorize Dr. Schulte to take any *Medication* other than in accordance with paragraph 8.

- 11. No Alcohol or Poppy Seeds. Dr. Schulte shall not consume alcohol or any food or other substance containing poppy seeds.
- 12. <u>Biological Fluid Collection.</u> During all times that Dr. Schulte is physically present in the state of Arizona and such other times as board staff may direct, Dr. Schulte shall promptly comply with requests from Board staff, the group therapist, or the program director to submit to witnessed biological fluid collection. If Dr. Schulte is directed to contact an automated telephone message system to determine when to provide a specimen, he shall do so within the hours specified by Board staff. For the purposes of this paragraph, in the case of an in-person request, "promptly comply" means "immediately". In the case of a telephonic request, "promptly comply" means that, except for good cause shown, Dr. Schulte shall appear and submit to specimen collection not

later than two hours after telephonic notice to appear is given. The Board in its sole discretion shall determine good cause.

- 13. Dr. Schulte shall provide Board staff in writing with one telephone number which shall be used to contact her on a 24 hours per day/seven days per week basis to submit to biological fluid collection. For the purposes of this section, telephonic notice shall be deemed given at the time a message to appear is left at the contact telephone number provided by Dr. Schulte. Dr. Schulte authorizes any person or organization conducting tests on the collected samples to provide testing results to the Board and the program director.
- 14. Dr. Schulte shall cooperate with collection site personnel regarding biological fluid collection. Repeated complaints from collection site personnel regarding Dr. Schulte's lack of cooperation regarding collection may be grounds for termination from the program.
- 15. <u>Payment for Services</u>. Dr. Schulte shall pay for all costs, including personnel and contractor costs, associated with participating in the Monitored Aftercare Program (MAP) at time service is rendered, if required, or within 30 days of each invoice sent to her.
- 16. Examination. Dr. Schulte shall submit to mental, physical, and medical competency examinations at such times and under such conditions as directed by the Board to assist the Board in monitoring her ability to safely engage in the practice of medicine and compliance with the terms of this Consent Agreement.
- 17. Treatment. Dr. Schulte shall submit to all medical, substance abuse, and mental health care and treatment ordered by the Board, or recommended by the program director.

- 18. Obey All Laws. Dr. Schulte shall obey all federal, state and local laws, and all rules governing the practice of medicine in the state of Arizona.
- 19. <u>Interviews.</u> Dr. Schulte shall appear in person before the Board and its staff and committees for interviews upon request, upon reasonable notice.
- 20. Address and Phone Changes, Notice. Dr. Schulte shall immediately notify the Board in writing of any change in office or home addresses and telephone numbers. Dr. Schulte shall provide Board staff at least three business days advance written notice of any plans to be away from office or home for more than five (5) consecutive days. The notice shall state the reason for the intended absence from home or office, and shall provide a telephone number that may be used to contact Dr. Schulte.
  - 21. Relapse, Violation. See paragraph A of this Order.
- 22. Notice Requirements. Dr. Schulte shall immediately provide a copy of this Consent Agreement to all hospitals and free standing surgery centers at which Dr. Schulte has any privileges. Within 30 days of signing this Consent Agreement, Dr. Schulte shall provide the Board with a signed statement that he has complied with this notification requirement.
- Dr. Schulte is further required to notify, in writing, all hospitals and free standing surgery centers at which he has any privileges of a chemical dependency relapse, use of drugs or alcohol in violation of this Consent Agreement and/or entry into a treatment program. Dr. Schulte shall provide the Board, within seven days of any of these events, written confirmation that he has complied with this notification requirement.
  - 23. Public Record. This Consent Agreement is a public record.
- 24. Out-of State. In the event Dr. Schulte resides or practices medicine in a state other than Arizona, he shall participate in the physician rehabilitation program sponsored by that state's medical licensing authority or medical society. Dr. Schulte shall

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cause the other state's program to provide written reports to the Board regarding his attendance, participation, and monitoring. The reports shall be due on or before the 15th day of March and September of each year, until the Board terminates this requirement in

- Dr. Schulte shall immediately obtain a treating psychiatrist approved by 25. Board staff and shall remain in treatment with the psychiatrist until further order of the Board. Dr. Schulte shall instruct the psychiatrist to release to the Board, upon its request, all records relating to treatment of Dr. Schulte, and to submit quarterly written reports to the Board regarding diagnosis, prognosis, and recommendations for continuing care and treatment of Dr. Schulte. The reports shall be submitted on or before the 15th day of March, June, September and December of each year. 26.
- This Order supercedes all previous consent agreements, stipulations, and orders between the Board and Robert Schulte, M.D.

DATED this 1 day of September, 2000.

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

(SEAL)

CLAUDIA FOUTZ **Executive Director** 

TOM ADAMS

Assistant Director, Regulation

Original of the foregoing Consent Agreement For Order of Probation mailed by certified

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